



STA At-a-Glance

**Week 7: October 7
- October 14, 2025**

THANK YOU!



Thank you!

On behalf of STA staff, we extend our heartfelt thanks to the Walkathon volunteers and STA students for your time, energy, and enthusiasm during this year's Walkathon. Your dedication - whether in planning, guiding participants, cheering on walkers, or handling behind-the-scenes details - made all the difference.

Because of your generosity, the event ran smoothly and created a fun, inspiring, and meaningful experience for everyone involved. We couldn't have done it without you!

Thank you for walking alongside us - not just

on the day of the event, but in spirit and support of our cause. We are truly grateful for your commitment and kindness.

After we receive the final donations on **October 8**, we will share participation and the financial results with you.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

This year marks the 36th anniversary of the **STA Craft Fair & Market**. We are currently looking for parent and student vendors who would like to participate. The fee for student vendors is \$30.

If you're interested in participating as a vendor, please complete the **application form**.

Information about parent volunteer opportunities can be found **here**.

If you are interested in helping to organize the event, please contact **here**.

Student volunteers can sign up on the volunteer sheet at the office.



STA 36th ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR & MARKET

Sunday, November 2, 2025
541 West Keith Road
North Vancouver, BC
10 am - 4 pm

150+ Artisans/Vendors
Hot Meals & Refreshments
Raffle Prizes
Visit with Santa

Admission: Adults - \$5, Seniors & Students - \$2
Children 12 & under - Free

Vendor contact: stacraftfair@aquinas.org

OFFICE UPDATES

Thanksgiving Day

School is closed for Thanksgiving Day on Monday, **October 13**. School will reopen on Tuesday, October 14 on a Day 2 schedule.

STA Class Photos and Re-takes - Thursday, October 17

Class photos will be taken for each grade. Please come to school in full uniform. Students who missed having their individual photo taken or wish to have their photo re-taken will also have the opportunity to do so on this day.

Purdys Christmas Chocolate Sale on now!

Grade 12 students are selling Purdys chocolates as fundraising towards their Dinner Dance event in June. Yummy chocolate, gift giving and supporting a grad - it doesn't get any sweeter than that!



Have you purchased your STA Spirit Wear?

STA's new online school store is now open. Click [here](#) to discover ideas for school spirit, a birthday or Christmas gift, or a special achievement. The store is open for purchases between **October 3 - 24**, with delivery dates at school in mid-December.



The advertisement features a central image of four hoodies (two maroon, two white) and a red and black striped scarf with "FIGHTING SAINTS" written on it. The hoodies have "ACQUINAS" or "FIGHTING SAINTS" printed on them. To the right, a dark red vertical banner contains the text "NEW STA ONLINE STORE OPEN!" and "ORDER WINDOW: OCT 3-24". At the bottom right of the banner is the St. Thomas Aquinas logo, which includes a cross and the motto "VERITAS LIBERABIT VOS".

UPCOMING EVENTS

October:

9 and 16 - Men's Hostel Ministry - Baked Goods or Sandwich Drop Off at 8:00 - 9:00am

13 - SCHOOL CLOSED - Thanksgiving Day

17 - Photo Re-takes and Grade class photos

24 - SCHOOL CLOSED - Provincial Pro-D Day

28 - BC Post-Secondary Mini-fair at 6:30pm

29 - EARLY DISMISSAL at 1:00pm

31 - Spirit Day, Haunted House

MESSAGE FROM ATHLETIC DIRECTOR



STA Athletics: Character, Commitment, and Competition
The true beauty of sport lies not in the wins or losses, but in the character displayed by our student-athletes. Each week, our students continue to show tremendous growth both on and off

the court, field, and pitch. Their commitment to their teammates, school, and sport is remarkable qualities that will serve them well long beyond their time at St. Thomas Aquinas.

STA Athletics continues to thrive, with all of our teams competing with heart and excellence across the province.

The **Volleyball program** remains on a roll, with victories at every level. The **Bantam Red team** went undefeated on Day 1 at the Handsworth Tournament to qualify for the gold tier, narrowly missing a medal on Saturday. Both Bantam teams were back in action last night, earning strong wins over Carson Graham!

The **Juvenile Girls** also impressed at the Douglas College Royals Tournament, finishing 5th against tough competition, and followed that up with a dominant 3–0 win over Carson Graham in league play.

The **Senior Girls Volleyball team** is off to a stellar start and currently holds the **#1 provincial AA ranking** — an incredible achievement that reflects their hard work and teamwork.

On the soccer field, the **Senior Boys** faced a tough loss to Rockridge while many Grade 11 players were away on retreat, but they're eager to bounce back in today's match against Seycove. The **Junior Boys** celebrated a thrilling 2–1 victory over a feisty Mulgrave side, winning in penalties.

In the pool, our **Swim team** had a successful exhibition meet over the weekend, performing impressively against strong North Shore competition. Well done, swimmers!

Meanwhile, our **Cross Country team** continues to charge ahead, racing weekly on local trails. After a solid showing at Rice Lake last Thursday, they now head to Squamish for the Don Ross meet — best of luck to all our runners!

A huge thank-you goes out to all our **athletes, coaches, teachers, volunteers, and parents** for your dedication and support. It's been an incredible start to the year for STA Athletics and the best is yet to come!

CAMPUS MINISTRY



STA Men's Hostel Ministry - Thursday, October 9 at 8:00 - 9:00am

Thursday morning we will begin our food collections for the Archdiocese of Vancouver's shelter. This is your opportunity to feed the hungry and help those in need by making sandwiches or baked goods at home. Then bring the food you make at home to the **STA Campus Ministry office** before school starts on Thursday. You can make as many as you like, 12 sandwiches or 12 baked goods equals 1 service hour. Please individually wrap each sandwich or baked good, and they **MUST** be home made to receive service hours. Thank you for your generosity in feeding the hungry!

PARENT ASSOCIATION / PARENT PARTICIPATION PROGRAM

STA Parent Association Needs YOU!

Monthly Meeting - Thursday, October 9 at 9:30am at Boardroom

We welcome and encourage all parents to get involved and volunteer at our school. The primary focus of the STA Parent Association is to strengthen our school community by supporting annual events and activities at STA. We achieve this by involving ourselves with activities that connect students, parents and families. Monies raised by these activities are used for the improvement of our school or the enhancement of student extracurricular activities. Through these activities, the

Parent Association also provides parents with opportunities to volunteer within our school community. Further details on the Parent Association can be found on the [website](#). Please [email](#) if you are interested in becoming an active member of the Parent Association.

Help Needed:

- Christmas Craft Fair & Market - Oct 31 - Nov 2.
- Cafeteria - full time shifts available: Tue and Friday (11:30pm - 2:00pm). Please contact [Claudia Montagut](#) if interested.
- Traffic duty volunteers - full time shifts: mornings: Mon (8:45am - 9:30am) and Tue-Fri (8:00am - 8:45am) and afternoons: Mon-Fri (2:45pm - 3:30pm). If you are interested please contact [Karen Lo](#).
- Parent Judges for the Grade 8 Science Fair - January 26, 2026 (your child doesn't need to be in grade 8 in order for you to volunteer)

Click [here](#) to sign-up and review the current opportunities in the portal.